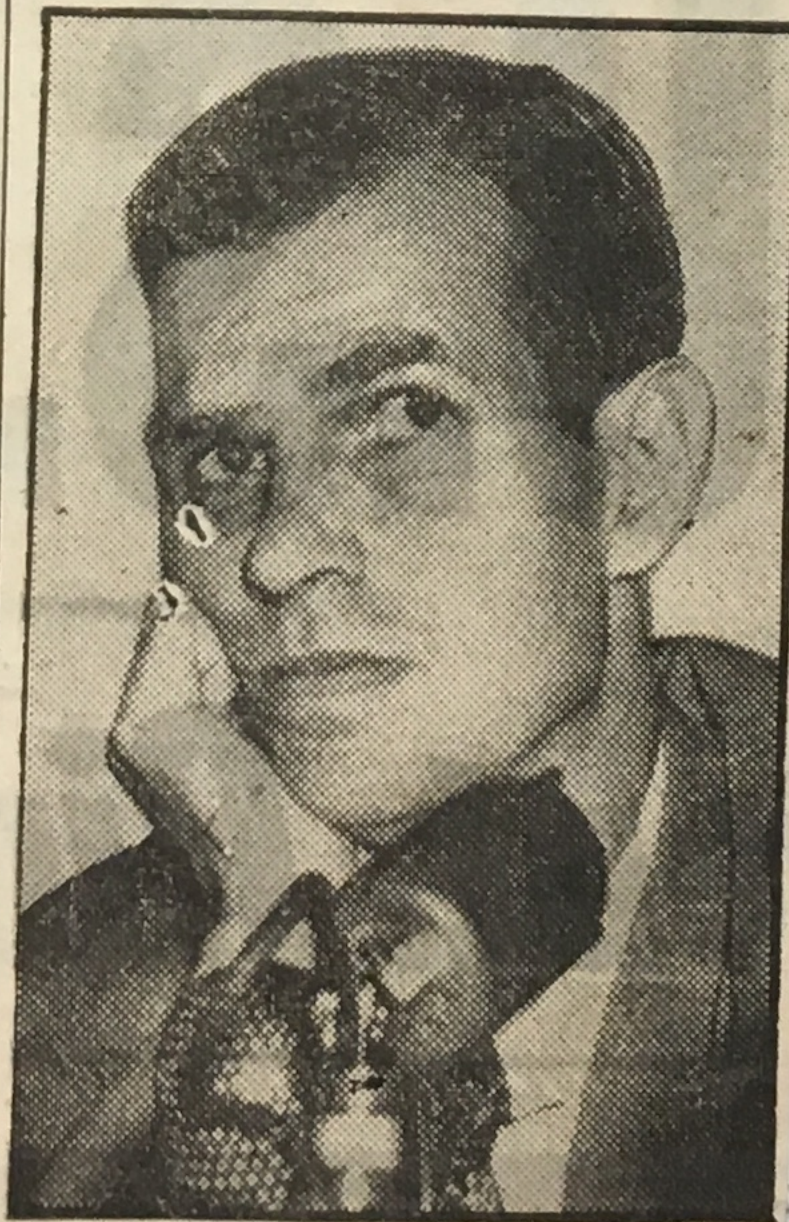


Seize Films of Top U.S. Secrets From Chambers' Farm

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (INS).—The House Un-American Activities Committee announced tonight that "hundreds" of microfilms of top secret war documents, revealing a "vast network of Communist espionage within the State Department," have been seized on a nearby Maryland farm—hidden in a hollowed-out pumpkin.

CALLED RED BY CHAMBERS



Films Subpoenaed

Chambers' wife said she didn't know where he could be reached, adding, "I wish I did."

Chambers is currently the defendant in libel suits totaling \$75,000 filed by Alger Hiss, former State Department official, whom Chambers described to the House committee as a member of a Communist "elite" underground which operated in the department before the war.

Earlier today, Attorney General Clark asserted the Hiss-Chambers libel suits had uncovered important new evidence involving charges of Communist infiltration in the government.

Clark said if he is asked for an opinion on the new evidence, he will recommend a new inquiry by the New York Federal Grand Jury, which recently investigated Communism and Russian espionage in Washington and indicted

The announcement, made by Sen.-elect Mundt (R.-S.D.), retiring member of the committee, said the microfilms were found at the Westminster farm home of Whittaker Chambers, self-confessed ex-Communist agent who now is a senior editor of Time Magazine.

Mundt said the "shocking" evidence had been hunted 10 years and added that it appears to prove that secret documents bearing on national security "were fed out of the State Department by a member of the Communist underground" to Chambers.

The committeeman said public hearings on Communist espionage will be reopened as soon as possible on the basis of the new information.

Chief Investigator Robert Stripling, who made the announcement for Mundt and the Committee